

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-03**

**WHEREAS**, precipitation on frozen lands, causing overland, small stream and river flooding have damaged transportation infrastructure and endangered agricultural interests, public, tribal, and private sewage and water systems, as well as significant other improved property to include private dwellings; and

**WHEREAS,** I, John Hoeven, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, have declared a flood emergency March 29, 2004, for the State of North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I order total utilization of the North Dakota Division of Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices toward recovery efforts, alleviation of hardship, and implementation of mitigation measures to facilitate restoration and recovery of vital public infrastructure and to help meet essential needs of business, industry, and individuals.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

- 1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.
- 2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
- 3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 29th day of March, 2004.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest: /s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State